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Disaster Assistance Briefings for July Northwest WI Flooding Scheduled

Madison — Local governments and private non-profit agencies that sustained damage during the July 11-12, 2016 flooding in northwest Wisconsin are encouraged to attend briefings next week to learn about applying for federal disaster assistance.

Earlier this week, Governor Walker announced that eight Wisconsin counties and a tribal government were approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency for disaster assistance to help with costs associated with debris removal, emergency protective measures and damage to public infrastructure such as roads and bridges. The counties in the declaration are Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Florence, Iron, Sawyer, and Washburn counties and the Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa Tribe.

Two teams of specialists from Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will explain how state and local agencies and certain private non-profit groups can apply for federal Public Assistance (PA) to help recover from flooding. Under the cost-share program, FEMA funds 75 percent of the cost for eligible work; 25 percent is shared equally between state and local applicants.

The program is not for businesses or homeowners as the level of damage in these areas, unfortunately, does not currently meet requirements for federal relief.

The applicant briefings will be held at:

<u>Tuesday – August 16, 2016</u> Bayfield County

Bayfield County Courthouse – EOC 117 East 6th Street Washburn 9:00-11:00am

Douglas County

Douglas County Government Center – EOC Basement 1316 N. 14th Street Superior 9:00-11:00am

Ashland County

Morse Town hall 402 2nd Ave Mellen 2:30-4:30pm

Burnett County

Burnett County Government Center, Room 160 7410 County Road K Siren 2:30-4:30pm

Wednesday - August 17, 2016

Washburn County

Minong Town Hall W7085 Nancy Lake Road Minong 9:00-11:00am

Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

Chief Blackbird Center, Conference Room C 72682 Maple Street Odanah 9:30am

Sawyer County

Sawyer County Courthouse, Assembly Room 10610 Main Street Hayward 2:30-4:30pm

Thursday - August 18, 2016

Iron County

Hurley City Hall, Meeting Room 405 5th Avenue North Hurley 9:00-11:00am

Florence County

Florence County Resource Center, Lower Level Conference Room 5628 Forestry Drive Florence 2:30-4:30pm

If a local government or private non-profit organization cannot attend the briefings, they should contact their tribal or county emergency management director.

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